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E.O. 12356: N/A
SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: MORE ON PLANE DOWNED IN NICARAGUA

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1. POST IS USING FOLLOWING IN RESPONSE TO FURTHER QUESTIONS CONCERNING PLANE DOWNED IN NICARAGUA:
2. Q: THE GOVERNMENT OF NICARAGUA IS CLAIMING THAT THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF A PLANE DOWNED IN SOUTHERN NICARAGUA IS EUGENE HAIFENFUP, A U.S. MILITARY ADVISER IN EL SALVADOR. CAN YOU CONFIRM?

3. A: THE ALLEGATIONS OF THE GDN THAT EUGENE HAIFENFUP IS A U.S. MILITARY ADVISER IN EL SALVADOR ARE COMPLETELY FALSE. HAIFENFUP IS NOT A MILITARY TRAINER WITH THE U.S. MILITARY GROUP IN EL SALVADOR. HE IS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN EL SALVADOR. HE IS NOT AFFILIATED IN ANY WAY OR FORM WITH THE U.S. MISSION IN EL SALVADOR. NOR WITH THE USG IN GENERAL.

4. Q: THE GDN CLAIMS THAT THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT DEPARTED FROM EL SALVADOR. ANY RESPONSE?

5. A: NO
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